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US-CHINA NUCLEAR COOPERATION

-- WE ARE QUITE INTERESTED IN ENABLING THE U.S. NUCLEAR INDUSTRY TO PARTICIPATE IN CHINA'S DEVELOPMENT OF ITS PEACEFUL NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM.

-- IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, OUR FIRMS WISH TO PURSUE THEIR INTEREST IN THE GUANGDONG REACTOR PROJECT.

-- SUCH COOPERATION WILL REQUIRE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR THIS ASPECT OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

-- WE LOOK FORWARD TO EARLY INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS TO CLARIFY OUR MUTUAL IDEAS AS TO THE SCOPE AND TERMS FOR NUCLEAR COOPERATION BETWEEN US.

-- I UNDERSTAND THAT SUCH INFORMAL EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR JULY IN BEIJING. WE SEE THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A FULL AND EXPLICIT INTERCHANGE OF IDEAS ON THIS SUBJECT, AND HOPE FOR A MOST POSITIVE AND PRODUCTIVE RESULT FROM THEM.

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